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ACTION: Amembassy ROME

INFO: Amembassy LONDON
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SUBJ: OIL: BP Nationalization

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1. Italian Commercial Counsellor Giorgieri called on Dept (E/FSE) January 5 to seek USG reaction to BP nationalization. Giorgieri said GOI had met officials following receipt of HMG demarche but had taken no decision pending receipt information on position other consuming countries. He noted that Italy imported some 25 percent of its oil from Libya.

2. We informed Giorgieri that USG supported HMG and BP in efforts to limit Libyan ability to sell nationalized crude, and felt that solidarity his issue in best long range interest consuming countries (reftel). We also informed Giorgieri that Embassy Rome had made or would soon be making similar approach to GOI.

END.

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